

Announcements (Continued)

Snow Removal Help Needed

The Facilities Team is looking for help removing snow. If you helped last year and are able to help out again this year, or if you are interested in joining this year's team, please see Scott Paterson or send an email to mcnfacility@mcnaz.com.

To Parents of Children in Kindergarten through Grade 4:

- Pastor Dan will continue to dismiss your children to the Children's Church room to practice our Christmas music at the beginning of the service.
- Our performance will be Sunday, December 18, during the morning service.
- Please have your children in the sanctuary for a final practice by 10:15 AM on December 18. (If they are already here for Sunday School they will be dismissed from Sunday School at 10:15 AM.)

If you have any questions, contact Nancy Whitney at (860)-646-4550. Many Thanks!

Hurricane Matthew Response Fund

The needs growing out of recent hurricanes are indeed catastrophic. You may feel compelled to help in some way, but may not know how. Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM) is one avenue in the Church of the Nazarene.

Hurricane Matthew Response Fund—donations will be used for immediate needs, as well as long-term recovery and rebuilding efforts. To contribute directly: Make checks payable to the General Treasurer and put ACM1198/F135 in the memo area. These may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to NCM, et al.

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Welcome to Manchester Church of the Nazarene! We are delighted to have you with us today, as we seek to worship God, pray for one another and our world, and listen intently to whatever the Holy Spirit might say to us. Relax! Consider yourself among friends!

Sunday, December 11, 2016

Welcome Song and Welcome

(Children (K-4) are Dismissed to Children's Church)

Praise and Worship

Prayer and Response

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Worship Through Giving

Investigating God's Word: Isaiah 35:1-10, Matthew 11:2-11

Blessing and Response



This Week

Today

Sunday School	9:30 AM
Coffee & Conversation	10:30 AM
Morning Worship Service	10:45 AM

Tuesday

MCN Board Mtg.	6:00 PM
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Wednesday

MCN Student Ministries	6:30 PM
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Thursday

Celebrate Recovery	6:30 PM
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Saturday

Saturation Prayer	7:00 PM
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Looking Ahead

Dec 15	CCS Christmas Concert
Dec 18	Children's Choir
Dec 21	CCS Christmas Chapel
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Service
Dec 25	Christmas Morning Service
Dec 27	CCS Board Mtg
Dec 31	New Year's Eve Game Night
Jan 4	Wednesdays with the Wise
Jan 7	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Jan 10	MCN Board Mtg
Jan 11	Wednesday Night Bible Study Resumes
Jan 12	Women's Bible Study Resumes
Jan 31	CCS Board Mtg

Financials		
	Tithes &	Missions
Received Last Week	12,686	1,923
Needed Weekly	9,000	675
Received Year to Date	300,412	19,630
Needed Year to Date	315,000	23,625
Surplus/Deficit	(14,588)	(3,995)

Weekly Classes and Meetings

MY Faith: Nazarene Catechism for

5th—8th Grade—Sundays at 10:45 AM

Goal:	Become acquainted with Christian beliefs and the Church of the Nazarene doctrine
When:	12 weeks during the worship service; 10:45 AM—NOON
How:	Questions and answers, interactive videos, games, and fun activities
Leader:	Bob Cornell

Each student will receive a *My Faith* handbook, a journal with important need-to-knows of the faith such as the Apostles' Creed, questions and answers about Christian beliefs, and interactive journal pages. It tells what we believe and shows where our beliefs came from – God's Word, the Bible.

Women's Bible Study

We will resume meeting on January 12, 2017 when we will begin a new study from Priscilla Shirer, *The Armor of God*.

Watch for more details to come soon.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

We will suspend the Wednesday Night Bible Study from this week through the end of Advent. We will resume January 11, 2017.

Celebrate Recovery This Thursday Night!

Stop struggling alone during the holidays! Come celebrate the gift of Jesus with us! Lower Level, McLain Building (Sterling Place entrance).

6:30 PM	Food and Fellowship
7:00 PM	Teaching Meeting—"Hope"
7:45 PM	Cross Talk Café—Coffee & With It
8:00 PM	Open Share Meetings—Men's Open and Women's Open (all hurts, habits and hang-ups)

Saturation Prayer—Saturdays at 7 PM

Is the Church bowing down to the status quo? Get subversive! Prayer: "a subversive activity [that] involves a more or less open act of defiance against any claim by the current regime."

—Eugene Peterson

Activity Highlights

Christmas Morning Celebration Service

On Christmas morning, at 10:45, we will have a special celebration, and we hope you will join us. The service will not be like any other regular worship service. Come expecting surprises! We will sing lots of Christmas carols, there will be plans for appropriate interactions, and the setting might catch you off guard. This will be the kind of service that years later folks will say, "Do you remember when . . .?" You don't want to miss those kinds of Sundays! There is no Sunday school that Sunday, nor nursery or children's church. It will be a service oriented toward families, and we are focusing on the word "Celebrate!" Hope you will join us!

Christmas Food Baskets & Gifts for Waddell Families

We will be providing food baskets and gifts for nine families in need this Christmas season. Please notice the displays in the lobby and grab a few post-it-notes and/or a tag with a child's name/age and bring in the items you select. Please bring in those items by Monday, December 19.

In addition, we will be providing 15 unwrapped toys to Waddell Elementary School for their Christmas Toy Drive. These toys need to be brought in by Sunday, December 18.

Please see Pastor Garry Light if you have questions. Thank you!

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Pastors' Love Offering

As an expression of our appreciation for our Pastoral Staff, we ask that you join us in our annual love offering for Pastor Dan and Nancy and Pastor Garry and Tonia. If you would like to participate, please mark your check or envelope "Pastors' Love Offering." Checks should be made payable to Church of the Nazarene. Thank you. —Church Board

Salvation Army Bell Ringers

If you would like to volunteer to assist the Salvation Army this holiday season, call them directly at (860) 649-7787.

Please see back page for additional announcements.

Christmas Poinsettia Orders



If you would like to purchase a poinsettia this year, please complete the information below, tear off sheet, and place in the offering plate. The deadline to place your order is December 14. Cost is \$15.00 each. We invite folks to take the plants home after the service on Christmas Day.



☐ In Honor of ☐ In Memory of ☐ In Honor of ☐ In Memory of

Name: _____ Name: _____

Total number of plants _____ x \$15.00 = Total Amount: _____

With love from: _____